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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO:

STATE OF PLAY AS OF 1500 ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1977

REF: FREETOWN 2804 (NOTAL)

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE RESULTS OF THIS MORNING'S LOBBYING ON  
PUERTO RICO:

--YUGOSLAVIA-PERM REP PETRIC TOLD AMBASSADOR LEONARD THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR YUGOSLAVIA TO VOTE FOR DEFERRAL BECAUSE OF YUGOSLAVIA'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE NONALIGNED. ALTHOUGH LEONARD POINTED OUT THAT DIVISION EXISTS AMONG NONALIGNED MEMBERS ON THE COMMITTEE ON THE QUESTION, PETRIC STUCK TO AN ABSTENTION. PETRIC NOTED THAT ALARCON HAD ACCEPTED MOST OF HIS SUGGESTIONS IN REVISING THE CUBAN DRAFT RESOLUTION, TO WHICH LEONARD REPLIED THAT IT WAS "NOT A BIT BETTER" FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE;

--TUNISIA-PERM REP MESTIRI TOLD US TUNISIA WOULD SUPPORT DEFERRAL IF INDIA SPEAKS UP IN SUPPORT OF IT, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL BE THE CASE. MESTIRI SAID HE WOULD PREFER TO ABSTAIN BUT WANTS TO HELP US AND RECOGNIZES THE CRUCIAL NATURE OF THE TUNISIAN VOTE;

--CHINA-CHINESE POLITICAL COUNSELOR CHOU NAN TOLD MISOFF THAT THE CHINESE POSITION IS WELL KNOWN BUT PROMISED TO RAISE THE QUESTION WITHIN THE CHINESE DELEGATION;

--ETHIOPIA-PERM REP IBRAHIM TOLD LEONARD THAT ETHIOPIA CATEGORICALLY REJECTS THE C-24' COMPETENCE TO CONSIDER PUERTO RICO AND HE IS CONCERNED THAT SUPPORTING DEFERRAL MIGHT IMPLY THE CONTRARY. BOTH WE AND THE NORWEGIANS WILL POINT OUT TO IBRAHIM THAT AN EXPLANATION OF VOTE SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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RESOLVE THE QUESTION;

--MALIANCHARGE DIAKITE TOLD LEONARD HE THOUGHT THE US AND CUBA SHOULD WORK OUT THE SOLUTION;

--CHILE-CHEILEAN ALTERNATE PERM REP DAMILANO INFORMED MISOFF THAT CHILE WOULD VOTE FOR DEFERRAL;

--FIJI-MISOFF CONFIRMED THAT WHILE FIJI WOULD PREFER A CONSENSUS, IT WILL VOTE FOR DEFERRAL AS A LAST RESORT;

--AFGHANISTAN MISOFF CONFIRMED TO VRAALSEN (NORWAY) THAT AFGHANISTAN WILL VOTE FOR DEFERRAL AS A LAST RESORT;

--INDONESIA-INDONESIAN MISOFF SURYOKUSUMO RECONFIRMED TO US THAT INDONESIA WILL VOTE FOR DEFERRAL;

--IVORY COAST-ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER KEFFA CONFIRMED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER AKE HAS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS THAT IVORY COAST SUPPORT A DEFERRAL MOTION AND ASSURED US THAT SOMEONE WILL BE IN THE CHAIR.

2. AT THE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 MEETING (WE ARE NOT

YET SURE WHETHER IT WILL BE IN THE MORNING OF  
AFTERNOON), AUSTRALIA WILL PROPOSAL ADJOURNMENT OF  
DEBATE UNTIL NEXT YEAR PURSUANT TO RULE 116 OF THE  
RULES OF PROCEDURE.

3. WE ARE STILL SEEKING TO CONFIRM TWO VOTES IN  
SUPPORT OF DEFERRAL--ETHIOPIA AND SIERRA LEONE (WHICH  
HAS NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS) REPORTED REFTEL.  
IF BOTH SUPPORT DEFERRAL, WE ESTIMATE THE VOTE ON  
DEFERRAL TO BE IN FAVOR (12)-AFGANISTAN, AUSTRALIA,  
CHILE, ETHIOPIA, FIJI, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN,  
IVORY COAST, NORWAY, SIERRA LEONE, TUNISIA, OPPOSED (10-  
BULGARIA, CHINA, CONGO, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IRAQ, MALI,  
SYRIA, USSR, TANZANIA; ABSTENTION (2)-YUGOSLAVIA,  
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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.  
LEONARD

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